

## NYE ON THE COAST

He Rooms at Large in Its Luxuriant Orange Groves.

### CALIFORNIA AND ITS WAYS

Why He Will Not Visit the World's Fair—Something About a Big Hotel and How It Is Located.

The contrast between Maine and southern California as rival winter resorts is very great. Here the orange is picked during the entire year, and it is estimated that enough oranges fall off and are plowed under as fertilizers each year to supply the new state of Wyoming completely the year round.

It is estimated that established orange orchards of a good quality yield 10 per cent on the investment. Of course poor orchards of oranges, just like ill chosen orchards of poor, miserable apples, yield much less. A young orchard not only does this after it is in bearing, but increases very greatly in value each year. This information I got from old and tried friends and not from agents, and I speak especially of Riverside, where the orange is found in its greatest perfection and free from disease.

The banana grows in southern California, but would rather not. It was introduced to try this country by the tarantula, which flourishes here and loves to dust off one's chest with his hairy legs. An amateur Cleopatra here used the tarantula with great effect in taking her own life in the closing scene, but the bite of the tarantula involved so much skirt dancing and calisthenics that the scenic effect was good and did much to revive "Cleopatra" on the coast.

As I write this it is raining, great big invasions of eastern rain of the wet kind, and yet a hospitable man has his open victoria at the door for me to go riding for the purpose of adding to my collection of scenery.

Hospitality is one of the best products of the human heart, and there is no danger of overproduction, but I am so thoroughly gorged with scenery from the Natural Bridge in Virginia to the Golden Gate that when any one says scenery to me I write. Orange orchards are rare and beautiful sights, but when I can sit in this warm room, sheltered about a big coal fire and see miles of them from the window, why should I put on my fur overcoat and a mask in order to freeze and cry out in the assumed delight every half mile while I gradually get "femora of the lungs"?



IN AN ORANGE ORCHARD.

Everything grows here that one can wish for except hard wood and coal. Coal here mostly comes from British Columbia and Australia.

The seasons of the year here don't know enough to come in when it rains. As a well known San Francisco poet and chirologist so truly and sweetly describes it:

"The land where it's always afternoon."

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In California you don't ask for a room at the hotel where you get a fine prospect. You ask for one that the sun shines in and in.

California will doubtless supply the most beautiful and interesting exhibit of any state at the World's Fair. I shall not go to the exposition, for I cannot bear the immensity of seeing North Carolina's money-saving compared with the enterprise and wonderful beauty of this state's exhibit.

An entire orchard of oranges in bearing has been taken up bodily, and with the trees carefully heeled and the roots and soil completely will be reproduced at Chicago. That is only a little pointer on the style of enterprise that will crop out wherever California's game appears.

I compare this with North Carolina because one of the fair officials from North Carolina has spoken to me several times about her utter negligence in regard to the matter and the successful display as it will appear when compared with other states. Should this reminder be the means of showing a sickly ambition, I am content.

North Carolina beats the world on apples, and the polecaty milk grown there is sold by the barrel before one can get it. At the post on truly and so graciously goes on to state:

Oh, how I love to write upon the hotel letterhead and chase a thought with initials, trademark.

To quote the words of the poet passionately and with a drop of ink:

Oh, what a glorious thing is thought, And what a joy to make a nation think!

In using the above and quoting from myself I give attention to a sentiment that every one has experienced.

The Grand Hotel, near San Diego, is about the largest hotel at which I have just up so much as I did when I came away from the place. The surf is heard howling with a low San Diego boom against the beach. This boom comes in at \$5 per day. Food, lodging and beer each \$5. Still that is cheap for a boom.

I remained three-quarters of a day at the San Diego hotel and then returned

work. I hate to be killed. The Coronado cost a very large sum of money, but did not pay, so a creditor bought it for \$100,000, and while he was thinking what he would do with it was offered \$1,000,000. He accepted it at once, as he already had another hotel.

It was full when I was there at living rates, say \$5 to \$65 per day. The courtyard contains 80 acres of land, which is very valuable, as people are constantly settling up in the neighborhood—if they can. The dining room is bounded as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner at a sideboard; thence running 8 poles 2 chains and 4 links to a palm tree; thence south 11 poles 2 chains and 4 links to a fireplace; thence west 47 degrees 5 poles 3 chains and 2 links; thence north 10 poles 1 chain 2 links to place of beginning. Invalids are admitted if they will agree not to die in the house. In one room, under the bell push, the following statement was made:

"Guests need not ring for water, as a good spring will be found in the bed."

The way to find the Coronado hotel on landing in San Diego is to look first for the opera house, where we appear. The following is a drawing of it from memory:



A represents the auditorium. It is peculiar, dressing rooms, 10 people each, catering.

Inquire there, and you will be shown the Coronado, which you will recognize by the rates which come into view long before the hotel is reached.

Carriage hire and Mount Hood are the two highest things on the coast aside from that.

San Diego county is larger than Massachusetts, but not so thickly populated. It is a balm for the consumptive if he will be a little careful about taking cold. The climate and bay are so soft and equable that most every consumptive has a nice big palm over his grave.

This statement is not intended to reflect on the climate. Many consumptives come here and live as long as they care to. Still it is a lovely spot.

At Riverside I met my old friend W. J. McIntyre. Years ago he was the agent of the government at the seal islands. He staid there with his family for years among the Aleut Indians and studied the whole seal industry. He made a long and careful report, showing how the government might with a thorough, careful supervision kill 100,000 seals per year and not damage the plant. This report took all his spare time while there. He returned in fur garments, he and his wife and little girl, and with a head of whiskers that people came hundred of miles to see.

The New York press was eager to get some of the matter contained in his report, but he said, "No, it belongs to the government." So, although he was not rich, he was loyal. He took the report to his chief and offered it to him.

The chief, who is now no more, having been ere this judged for his crookedness, said haughtily to Captain McIntyre: "When the government wants a report from you, it will signify it. Good morning." Captain McIntyre, who was reoffended then and did not know that cabinet officers sometimes stood in with a seal killing syndicate, threw the carefully prepared document in the grate and began the practice of law. His advice would, if followed, have saved all Behring sea trouble.

He has been rewarded, and I am glad to see that things are going his way. Honesty is not always fatal to prosperity. California is noted for its roads and streets. I took a 12-mile ride the other day without fatigue, ate 16 large navel oranges and picked out a good orange grove for my wife. Orange groves are worth from \$700 to \$1,100 per acre, according to the age of trees and the quality or variety of the fruit. Ten acres or twenty is the size of the average orchard. A man can be hired reasonably to take care of the trees and attend to the marketing. I took half an acre.



EATING SIXTEEN LARGE ORANGES.

I got a good man who promised to take care of it at a reasonable price per year and not eat any without consulting me at New York. I thought of this plan myself and will introduce it into California.

The Pacific ocean reminds me very much of the Atlantic and evidently belongs to the same family. It contains salt, seaweed and the Sandwich Islands.

The people of California are, after all, the best features of the whole country. The dream of the ambition, kindness, industry and thrift of the older states is here. It explains why you sometimes strike an old deserted village in the far east, where only the old and once excited are to be met with. The young are here.

Rooms may come, and homes may go, but California will go on forever.

Bill Nye

P. S.—Thanks are hereby extended to Mr. Isaac W. Lord, who attended our performance at San Bernardino and laughed heartily during the evening.

HE DID NOT LIE.

But the Drummer Concluded Upon Investigation Not to Invest.

"What are you thinking about?" asked the hotel clerk of the drummer, who sat by the fire in a brown study.

"About investing some money I have in real estate," replied the drummer.

"How much?"

"All I've got, about \$1,000."

"Where is the real estate?"

"In a western town. You saw that man I've been talking to for an hour or so and who left here awhile ago?"

"Yes."

"Well, I met him on a train today, and he got me interested in a town out west called Hesperides. It's only about 3 years old, he says, but it has been coming up at a phenomenal rate. He had maps and stuff here this evening till you couldn't rest, and he offered me five acres within half a mile of the center of the town for \$1,000."

The clerk devoted a moment to wrestling with a thought.

"What's the population of the place?"

"He didn't say, but he said it was 23 times greater than it was in 1890, when the first settler came in. He said, too, that the number of houses had increased 100 per cent each year for the three since the first lots were laid out."

"That's a good showing," said the clerk, "a fine showing, but did he say how many houses there were put up the first year?"

The drummer looked queer.

"No, he didn't," he replied.

The clerk went around behind the counter and came back with a newspaper.

"Here's an article on real estate maps out west," he said; "let's look for your town. Ah," he went on after a moment, "there you are: Hesperides, a boom town, one house put up in 1890, two in 1891, 1892 not yet in. Population in 1890, 1; in 1891, 10; in 1892, 20; estimate for 1893, 33."

The clerk looked at the drummer and smiled.

"Well," exclaimed the drummer, with a sigh of relief, "I'm glad he didn't lie about it, for I do so despise a liar."

"What about investing your thousand?" inquired the clerk.

The drummer gave a long, low whistle and went off to bed.—Detroit Free Press.

### A Generous Soul.

He was leaning against the corner of a building on Main street, and discussing the hardships incident to the life of a laboring man. "I don't care what they say," he announced, "I believe it's the duty of every man to provide liberally for his family. Of course I don't say that the wife shouldn't help, if she can, but I mean that a man who is married and has children should be liberal and not go around blowing in his stuff at bars for poor whisky. My wife and I always work on a public school and takes in washing on days when she isn't busy at the school. I work whenever I can, and between us we get along pretty comfortably."

"I understood," said one of the circle, "that your wife supported your family, and I got it pretty straight too."

"Well," said the man who was leaning against the corner indignantly, "it's a blamed lie! I'm liberal with my family, I am."

"But your wife buys all the groceries and pays the rent, doesn't she?" inquired the same man.

"Y-e-s," said the first speaker confusedly.

"Then, what do you do?"

He thought for a moment. The other men began to guy him. Finally he broke out triumphantly: "What do I do? Why, I've bought every bit of stove blacking that's been used in that house for six years."—Buffalo Express.

### His Conclusion.

The man from the country wanted his tooth pulled, and the dentist fixed him in the chair and began to unlimber his gas machine.

"What's that?" asked the patient in startled tones as he half rose from the chair.

"Gas," replied the dentist briefly.

"That stuff that knocks a man senseless?"

"Not so bad as that, but it renders you insensible to pain."

"Won't it hurt me to take it?"

"Of course not."

"I'm afraid I won't get over it."

"Yes, you will. Why, man, I'll guarantee that it won't kill you."

The patient sat up and looked around the room.

"Do you own all this?" he asked.

"Yes, and the building it is in and a couple more up town."

The old fellow rubbed his chin thoughtfully a moment.

"I guess I won't take the stuff," he said. "If it don't hurt me, the guarantee don't count, and if it kills me the guarantee ain't good to me no good as far as I see," and he lay back in the chair and opened his mouth.—Detroit Free Press.

### He Was Glad to Know.

The ready acceptance by lawyers of fees and "retainers" from bad men, and especially from those whom the public feel to be working against their interests, is often the occasion of sarcastic remarks.

A certain prominent lawyer was asked by an acquaintance if the report were true that he had gone into the service of a corporation which had been suspected on pretty good evidence of bribing members of a legislature.

"Oh," said the lawyer; "I've not gone into their service. I have simply agreed not to join the other side."

"And you have taken a fee for that?"

"Oh, naturally they sent me an honorarium."

"Ah, I'm glad to know it was that. I might have got the idea that it was a disbarment!"—Youth's Companion.

### A Pleasant Surprise.

"What a beautiful child!" exclaimed Mrs. Luthewin, pausing before a baby carriage which a nurse was wheeling through the park. "What a lovely complexion! Your face is familiar to me."

She added, addressing the nurse, "Will you please tell me to whom the child belongs?"

"Bless your heart, ma'am, she's your own, but she has grown a great deal since you saw her last."—New York Press.

### Hopeloss.

Chorister—Hello, Podalman! Just the man I've been looking for. I'm in search of a tenor and—

Podalman—So am I.

Chorister—Indeed! And where are you going to look for one?

Podalman—Right here. I am in search of that tenor I loaned you a fortnight ago.—Boston Courier.

### Anxious to Know.

Old Mrs. Boffins—Oh, doctor, do you think there is anything seriously the matter with my lungs?

Dr. Pulmon—After careful examination—I find, madame, that your lungs are in a normal condition.

Mrs. B. (with a sign of pious resignation)—And for how long can I expect to live with these fine lungs?—Index.

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